

**SENATE CONCURRENT
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Allen

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Whereas, Paul Allen, the son of John Thomas and Ola Bays Allen was born on March 2, 1921 in McCameron Township, Indiana. McCameron Township no longer exists, as it was incorporated into the Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) Crane;

Whereas, as a 10th grade student, Paul Allen volunteered to rescue citizens in Madison and Vevay during the Ohio River Flood of 1937. Working with his father's construction/restoration company, he assisted in rebuilding significant numbers of neighborhoods in Jefferson and Ohio Counties once the floodwaters receded;

Whereas, Paul attended the township school and earned a diploma from Burns City High School in 1940. After graduating, Paul received an academic scholarship to Duke University where he studied mathematics and chemistry. At the conclusion of his freshman year, Paul Allen enlisted in the United States Army, where he was initially assigned to the 259th Field Artillery;

Whereas, prior to the Normandy Invasion, Paul Allen was transferred to Company 'C,' Second Rangier Battalion because of his knowledge of large caliber naval weaponry.

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On D-Day, his company captured and rendered harmless naval weapons situated on Pointe du Hoc. After the campaign to liberate Paris and Northern France, Paul participated in Operation Market Garden, the Ardennes Campaign, and the Invasion of Northern Germany.

Whereas, for bravery in action, Paul received the following decorations: the Purple Heart, bestowed by General George Patton; the Legion of Honor; the Bronze Star; the Belgian Croix de Guerre; the French Croix de Guerre, bestowed by General Charles DeGaulle; and numerous campaign medals;

Whereas, upon returning to the United States, Paul obtained employment in the United States Navy's civilian service from 1950 until his retirement in 1974. During this time, he was stationed at Indiana's NSWC Crane; Naval Headquarters in Washington, D.C.; Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; Norfolk, Virginia; and Charleston, South Carolina;

Whereas, upon his retirement, Paul assumed the position of assistant superintendent for the North Lawrence Community School Corporation. During his tenure, Paul was involved in the construction of three elementary schools, the restoration of the Bedford, Fayetteville, and Dollens Schools, and the expansion of the Bedford-North Lawrence High School;

Whereas, in keeping with family tradition, Paul also supported the republican party by working as a fundraiser for the gubernatorial campaigns of both Dr. Otis R. Bowen and Robert Orr; and



Whereas, Paul Allen deserves recognition for his distinguished career of public service. Four days after open-heart surgery, Paul Allen passed away on July 19, 2004: Therefore:

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly memorializes and
- 2 honors Paul Allen for his lifetime achievements. His service to his
- 3 country and his community is commendable.
- 4 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
- 5 transmit a copy of this Resolution to David Allen, Paul Allen's son.

